

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Luther Smith, with Barry Broussard and Wayne Cantrell Jr absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the March 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Vidos moved to approve. Following Mr. Crappell’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project is ongoing and an appraiser is being hired. Mr. Miller stated that the final plats and title search results are at his office.

New cost estimates will be developed on the Yokely Levee Project and a determination of available funds will be computed and reported back to the Levee District and Parish.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office held a pre-construction meeting for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project and issued a notice to proceed May 16 on the first phase of the project. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office is continuing to move forward with Final Design and discussing mitigation for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. O’Gorman stated the LA 70 portion has been put on public notice by the USACOE.

Nicole Cutforth with CB&I reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated the USACOE initiated the 408 permitting process and is currently waiting on engineering division to finalize their parts of the process and once that is complete they will be submitting it up to division for approval.

Ms. Cutforth reported her office has received four quotes for mitigation credits for the Bayou Teche project and is in the process of negotiating with the lowest quoted mitigation bank regarding refundable or transferrable credits.

Ms. Cutforth reported a removal plan is being drafted to remove the Bayou Chene emergency structure and will be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Cutforth stated her office coordinated with SMLD to prepare a bid package for the storage of the material once the structure is removed.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE continues to process the updated information on the Wax Lake East Levees. Mr. Matte stated the USACOE has recently informed him that the elevations are now sufficient and they will continue to prepare the formal report. Mr. Matte reported the LSER still requires internal review and it maybe 60 days before receiving that report.

Mr. Matte reported he along with Mr. Hidalgo and Mr. Brocato attended the High Water Inspection Trip on April 14 and held discussions on the 408 process.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that the Avoca litigation is ongoing. Mr. Bourgeois stated that the first hearing was held April 13 and the judge ruled in SMLD’s favor.

Mr. Matte announced the May 19 meeting. SMLD has advertised in accordance with the law in order to consider rolling forward to adopt its current millage rate.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD has been renting two water elevation gauges that are recording the water levels on both the protected and unprotected side of the Bayou Chene closure. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD has the opportunity to purchase these gauges for \$3175 instead of renting at the amount of \$2500 monthly. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize SMLD to purchase said gauges with a second by Mr. Crappell. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD received proposals from landowners for a Bayou Chene materials storage facility lease. Mr. Matte stated that within the next month a decision will be made as to award the proposal.

Mr. Miller reported on the Avoca Road Repair cost estimate. Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a contract with Miller Engineers on the project mentioned above with the contingents to rework said contract to be FEMA compliant. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to expand the agenda to add amending the DD#2 contract and to extend the Cloutier Children Trust property lease. After a second by Mr. Terry's second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to amend the DD#2 contract for additional geotechnical work. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign an extension on the Cloutier Children Trust property contract. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District